

"The Call" by Rick Joyner (Excerpts)

The Glory

(Jesus:) "(Looking) at yourself... will always bring confusion, making it harder for you to hear Me. Every time you experience My touch, your mind will become clearer. Every time you feel My presence, know that I have come to touch you in order that you may see Me and hear Me. You must learn to abide in My presence without becoming self-conscious & self-absorbed. This causes you to turn from the truth that is in Me & turn to the deception that is in your fallen nature. The time for falling is over. You must learn to stand when My Spirit moves.... I need for My people to stand so that I can use them."

The Pride Of False Humility

"You are small, but you must learn to abide in My presence without looking at yourself. You will not be able to hear from Me or speak for Me if you are looking at yourself. It will never be your adequacy or worthiness that causes Me to use you. You must not look at your inadequacy, but look to My adequacy. When you are used, it is because of who I am, not who you are. My anger... as you began looking at yourself... is the anger I felt towards Moses when he started to complain about how inadequate he was. This only reveals that you are looking to yourself more than to Me, which is the main reason why I am able to use so few of My people for what I desire to do. This false humility is actually a form of pride that caused the fall of man. Adam & Eve began to feel inadequate & that they needed to be more than I had made them to be. They took it upon themselves to make themselves into who they should be. You can never make yourself into who you should be, but you must trust Me to make you into who you should be."

To learn how to abide in His presence and to allow His life to flow through me in order to touch others... to abide in the Holy Spirit and allow Him to use me... this was my call.

Two Witnesses

(Jesus:) "The whole world lies in the power of the evil one...and you walk on the edge of hell every day. Through the midst of it, there is a path of life. There are deep ditches on either side of the path of life, so you must not deviate from the narrow way.

No one can find their own way out of those ditches. Following your own way is how you fall into them, and your own way will never lead you out. I am the only way out. When you fall, do not waste your time trying to figure everything out, for you will only sink deeper into the mire. Just ask for help. I am your Shepherd, and I will always help you when you call on Me.

Your understanding will always be twisted when you are depressed, and you will never accurately see truth from that place. Depression is the deception that comes from seeing the world from your perspective. Truth comes from seeing the world through My eyes. Those who abide in My presence will say, 'The whole earth is filled with His glory.' When you dwell in My presence, you will not see anything but glory.

Every now & then you get up & take a few paces, but then slide off into the ditch... It is time to stay on the path. You do not have any more time to waste in those ditches.

Taking your eyes off Me is all that you have to do to drift from the path of life. When you abide in Me, you will see nothing but glory. This does not mean that you will not see the conflicts, confusion, darkness & deception that are in the world, but when you see them, you will see My answer to them. When you abide in Me, you will always see how truth prevails over deception, and you will see the manner in which My Kingdom will come.

When you start to live by what you see with the eyes of your heart, you will walk with Me, and you will see My glory. The eyes of your heart are your window into this realm of the Spirit. Through the eyes of your heart, you may come to My Throne of Grace, at any time. If you will come to Me, I will be more real to you. I will also trust you with more power."

The First Witness

(Lot:) "You have been chosen to live in difficult times just as I was chosen. As Abraham interceded for Sodom, you must do the same... you must use your faith to intercede for the wicked, & you must also witness the judgement of God coming upon the earth. You must not be like me -- you must not be silent.

I thought that I would be a warning just by being different. Being different is not enough!

The people of the earth are blind. They will not see if you simply try to be a witness. The message of judgement must go forth in words.

It is by seeing His glory that His people will be changed... When they see His glory, they will rejoice in all of His ways, even in His judgements."

Almost every door through which He leads us looks bleak at first & then becomes glorious. It almost seems that the bleaker the door looks, the more glorious it will be on the other side. Just passing through His doors takes faith, but they will always lead to more glory.

The Second Witness

(Jonah:) "The judgement of God is about to be revealed on the earth. Even so, 'Mercy triumphs over judgement.' The Lord always extends mercy before judgement. If you will warn the people that His judgements are near, His mercy will save many.

When you understand the Lord's judgements, you understand His way. However...the Lord also wants you to agree with Him.

I had tried to flee from His presence. I had come to understand the responsibility that comes from being close to Him. In His presence, all wood, hay & stubble is consumed.

The closer that you get to Him, the more deadly hidden sin can be.

You can come boldly before His Throne of Grace at any time and for any need, but rarely do you come. Yearning for His presence is not enough. You must come to Him. If you draw near to Him, He will draw near to you. Why do you not do it? You are always as close to Him as you want to be.

Your Savior weeps for you; He intercedes for you continually. When He weeps, all of heaven weeps. Like me, the church has run to Tarshish, desiring to trade with the world more than sitting before His glorious throne.

Great storms are coming upon the earth. I slept when the storm came upon the ship that I was in while running from the Lord. The church is also sleeping. I was the prophet of God, but the heathen had to wake me up. So it is with the church. The heathen have more discernment than the church at this time. They know when the church is going the wrong way, & they are shaking the church, trying to wake you up so that you will call on your God. Soon the leaders of the world will cast you overboard, just as the men in that ship had to do to me. They will not let you keep going in the way you are headed. This is the grace of God to you. He will then discipline you with a great beast that comes up out of the sea. It will swallow you for a time, but you will be vomited out of it. Then you will preach His message.

Some are already in the belly of the beast. Some are about to be cast overboard, and some are still sleeping, but almost all have been on the ship going the wrong way, seeking to trade with the world. However, you can judge yourself and He will not have to judge you. If you will wake yourself up, repent and go the way that He sends you, you will not have to be swallowed by the beast.

The church is running from the presence of the Lord... to seek the treasures of the sea, while the greater treasures -- the treasures of heaven -- few are seeking. The sin of wanting to trade with the world has entangled the church, just as I was entangled in the belly of the beast... The cares of the world have wrapped themselves around the mind of the church. Their minds are so entangled with the world, and they have fallen to such depths, that many have no hope of getting free. You must run to the Lord instead of away from Him. He can untangle any mess, and He can bring you up from the greatest depths. Run from Him no longer! Run to Him!"

(Lot:) "The Lord had mercy (for Niniveh) because Jonah preached. He did not live among them & try to be a witness: He preached the Word of God. Power is in the Word. There is no darkness so dark that the Word cannot penetrate it. Many will repent and be saved if you will go to those to whom the Lord sends you & give His warning."

(Jonah:) "When you fall short of the Lord's grace and sin entangles you, it is hard for you to come to Him. You must learn to always run to the Lord at such times, not away from Him.

The Lord's power & glory will be released on the earth such as He has not done since the beginning of time. All of heaven has been waiting for the things that you are about to see. It will also be the time of the greatest darkness. You cannot endure either the glory or the darkness without His grace. You will not walk in His ways without coming to Him daily. You must not only seek His presence, but you must abide in His presence continually.

Those who have tried to follow Him by just seeking Him once a week in a church service while they spend the rest of the week seeking the world will soon fall away. The judgement is going to begin with His own household.

It is presumption to only call upon the Lord when you want something. You should call on Him to ask what He wants, not what you want.

Those who try to do His work without Him will fall away. Many have faith in the Lord, but only know Him from a distance. These do great works in His name, but He does not know them.

God does not exist for His house - His house exists for Him. In His patience, He has been waiting outside of His own house, knocking, calling, but few have opened to Him. Those who hear the Lord's voice and open to Him will sit with Him at His table. They will ... see the world as He sees it."

Merciful Judgement

(Lot:) "The church is about to fall under the...power (of) conviction....Your falling will result in your standing for truth.

Jonah had the greatest preaching anointing yet given to a man. When he preached, one of the most wicked cities that ever existed repented. If Jonah had preached in Sodom, that city would have remained until this day. The power of Jonah's preaching is a sign. When he was awakened & was vomited out of the beast, he had this power. This is the power of preaching that will be given to the church in the last days. This is the power of conviction that the Lord is waiting to give to the church. When she is vomited out of the beast that has swallowed her, even the most evil will listen to her words. This is the sign of Jonah that will be given to the church. The words of those who experience resurrection from the deep will have power."

(Jesus:) "My mercy to you is time. Use this time wisely, for soon there will be no more. The time is near when I can delay no longer. Every day that I delay My judgement is mercy. See it as that & use it wisely. I would always rather show mercy than judgement, but ...the darkness is growing & the time of trouble will be upon you soon. If you do not use the time I give you, the coming troubles will overtake you. If you use the time that I give you wisely, you will overcome & prevail. Overcomers in every age did not waste their time!

Warn My people that in My mercy, My discipline will be upon them. Warn them not to harden their hearts, but to repent and turn to Me.

Your love will grow cold and you will deny Me, if you do not deny yourself and take up your cross every day. Those who seek to save their own life will lose it, but those who lose their life for My sake will find true life.

To whom much is given, much will be required.

Those who love sin and their own comfort and prosperity more than Me will soon know My severity. The greatest distraction of My people has not been the difficulties, but the prosperity. If My people would seek Me during times of prosperity, I could trust them with even more of the true wealth of My kingdom.

My people will prosper in earthly riches in the times ahead, even in the times of trouble, but the riches will be from Me and not the prince of this present evil age. If I cannot trust you with earthly riches, how can I trust you with the powers of the age to come? Seek Me as much in prosperity as when you are in poverty. All that I entrust to you is still Mine. I will only entrust more to those who are more obedient.

The prince of darkness also gives prosperity. He continues to make the same offer to My people that he made to Me. He will give the kingdoms of this world to those who will bow down and worship him & serve him by living according to his ways. There is a prosperity of the world and there is the prosperity of My kingdom. The coming judgements will help My people to know the difference. The riches of those who have prospered by serving the prince of this evil age & using the ways of this evil age will be a millstone that hangs about their neck when the floods come. All will soon be judged by the truth. Those who prosper by Me do not compromise truth in order to prosper.

My judgement begins with My household to teach you discipline so that you will walk in obedience. The wages of sin is death, and the wages of righteousness are peace, joy, glory and honor. All are about to receive their worthy wages.

The Path Of Life

(Jesus:) "Reality is wherever I am. My presence gives any place true reality & (makes) everything you (look) at seem so alive because I am Life. My Father made Me the Life of all creation, both in the heavens & on the earth. All of creation exists through Me and for Me, and apart from Me, there is no life, & there is no truth.

All that exists does so through Me. There is no truth or reality apart from Me.

The true knowledge of Me gives life.

Learn not to just look for Me, but at Me.

We want to be close to you. We love mankind and Our eternal dwelling place will be with you.

The light, the glory and the power that I am about to reveal will be released through those who have come to know My love.

Those who come to Me obey Me because they love Me and love the truth. Those who love Me and serve Me in spite of rejection and persecution will be worthy to reign with Me in My kingdom.

This is the age of true love. True love shines the brightest against the greatest darkness.

Those who come to Me now, fighting the forces of the world that rebel against Me, come because they have the true love of God. They want to be with Me so much that even when it all seems unreal, even when I seem like a vague dream to them, they will risk all for the hope that the dream is real. That is love. That is the love of the truth. That is the faith that pleases My Father.

Those who bow the knee now when they can only see Me dimly through the eyes of faith are the obedient ones who love Me in Spirit and in truth. These I will soon entrust with the power and glory of the age to come, which is stronger than any darkness.

As the days grow darker upon the earth, I will show more of My glory. You will need this for what is coming.

You are here because you are a messenger.

The greatest wisdom is for you to come to Me every day. The more you come to Me, the more real I will be to you. When you know the reality of My presence, you are walking in truth.

I AM

"The coming judgement for those who call upon My name but do not seek Me will be that they will increasingly fall out of timing with Me. They will be at the wrong place, doing the wrong things, and even preaching the wrong message. They will try to reap when it is time to sow and sow when it is time to reap. Because of this, they will bear no fruit.

To really know Me, you must know Me in the present. You cannot know Me as I AM unless you come to Me every day... unless you abide in Me.

To know what I am doing, you must not judge by appearance, but from the reality of My presence.

In the times that are now coming upon the earth, if your love for Me is not growing stronger, it will grow cold. I AM life. If you do not stay close to Me, you will lose that life that is in you. I AM the light. If you do not stay close to Me, your heart will grow dark.

The time has come when I will no longer tolerate those who say they believe Me, but do not obey Me.

The lukewarm are about to be removed from among My people. Those who do not obey Me do not really believe in Me. By their lives, they teach My people that disobedience is acceptable.

The time has come upon the earth when no one will be able to stand in truth without coming to My Throne of Grace each day.

Choose life by obeying Me. If you are choosing Me and the light that is in you is My true light, it will grow brighter every day... you will know that you are walking in My light... You will be known by your fruit."

Truth And Life

(Abel:) "The authority that the Lord is about to give His people is the anointing for true unity. Love is stronger than death. The love that the Father is about to give to those who serve Him will overcome death.

My blood still speaks. The blood of every martyr still speaks. Your message will live on if you trust in the life that you have in God more than you trust in the life that you have on earth. Do not fear death, & you will overcome it. Those who do not fear death will have the greatest message during the times you are entering when death is released on the earth.

Trust the power of the cross, for it is greater than life. When you trust the cross, you cannot die.

A great unity will come to the Lord's people who dwell on the earth. Those who are in unity will not only endure His judgements, but they will prosper because of them.

The unity of His people will be a sign that the whole earth will see. His disciples will be known by their love, & love does not fear. Only true love can bring true unity. Those who love will never fall.

True love does not grow cold, but true love does grow."

Love Releases Life

(Adam:) "I was given authority over the earth, but I gave it to the evil one by obeying evil. He now rules in my place and your place. The earth was given to man, but the evil one has taken it. The authority I lost was restored by the cross. Jesus Christ is 'the last Adam,' & He will soon take His authority & rule. He will rule through mankind because He gave the earth to mankind. Those who live in your times will prepare the earth for Him to rule.

When the Lord's people begin to love, He will use them to release His judgements,...and when they come, the world will learn righteousness. His people will stand as Elijah in the last days. Their words will shut up the heavens or bring rain.

They will decide where He shows mercy and where He shows His wrath. They will have this authority because they will love, & those who love will be one with Him.

Peace will be taken from the earth, but you are called to help restore it. Peace prevails in heaven, & you are called to bring heaven to earth. Those who abide in His presence will know and spread peace.

Times of trouble greater than have ever been known will begin to move across the earth like great waves of the sea. Those who know Him will not be troubled. They will stand before the raging of the seas & say, 'Peace, be still' and the seas will be calm. Even the least of His little ones will be like a great fortress of peace that will stand through all that is coming. His glory will be revealed to His

people first and then through them. Even the creation will recognize Him in His people & will obey them as it does Him.

This is the authority I had, & it will be given to mankind again. I used my authority to turn paradise into a wilderness. The Lord will use His authority to turn the wilderness into Paradise again. This is the authority He is giving to His people. I used mine wrongly & death came. When His authority is used in righteousness, it will release life. Be careful how you use authority. With authority comes responsibility. You will not (use it wrongly) if you love. As all of heaven knows, 'Love never fails.' All the death that is coming upon the world is being allowed to prepare the way for life.

The army of the cross is about to be released..., carrying the offer of mercy to all. Those who reject the mercy of God have rejected life.

Disobedience brought death, & obedience will bring life. When I walked with God, He taught me His ways. You must walk with God & learn of His ways. Your authority is His authority, & you must be one with Him in order to use it.

When truth spoken in love is rejected, death has been chosen over life. As you walk with Him you will come to understand the Spirit that He has given to you to bring life and not death. There is a time to give men over to reap what they have sown.

Jesus came to give life. He does not desire for any to perish, & this must be your desire also. For this reason, you must even love your enemies if you are to be trusted with the authority that He wants to give His people.

The time is at hand for the fulfillment of what has been written. His people have prayed for more time, & He gave it to them. However, few have used it wisely.

The time is near when time itself will seem to speed up. As it is written, when He comes, He will come quickly.

If you fear Him, you do not need to fear anything that is coming upon the earth.

All of the evil that was sown in mankind is about to be reaped. Even so, the good that He has sown will also be reaped. Goodness is stronger than evil. Love is stronger than death. He walked the earth to destroy the works of the devil, & He will finish what He has begun."

Power And Love

(Adam:) "In every generation, those who walk with God touch the life that is in God.

What we were on earth will remain a part of who we are forever.

My story is a part of the eternal gospel. My wife and I were the first to taste sin, and the first to see our children reap the consequences of disobedience.

During the times of the greatest darkness and evil that are about to come, His people will stand as a testimony for all time that he not only redeemed His people from sin, but He also removed sin from them. Through them, He will remove sin from the whole earth. He did not come just to forgive sin, but to save mankind from sin, and he is returning for a people who are without stain from the world. This will come to pass in the most difficult of times.

I was created to love the Lord and to love the earth, as were all people. I have loathed the sight of the world's rivers becoming sewers. Even more have I loathed the sight of what has happened to the human mind. The philosophies of the human mind now filling the streams of human thought are as loathsome as the sewage filling the rivers. But the rivers of human thought will one day be pure again, just as the rivers of the earth. By this, for all time to come, it will be proven that good is stronger than evil.

The Lord...walked the earth to show mankind how to live. He will now reveal Himself through His chosen ones to show them who they were created to be. He uses His power because of love and so must you. Even His judgements come because of love. When you send them forth, it must be because of love."

The Door

(Jesus:) "The true power of My Words can only be seen when they are written in the hearts of My people. Living epistles are more powerful than letters written on paper or stone.

Perfection will not come to the earth until I come. For perfection, men will have to look to Me. My people are the book that I am writing, & the wise can see Me in My people, and in their works.

The life of every person is in My book, and their lives are a book that will be read by all of creation for all eternity. The history of the world is the library of God's Wisdom.

Every man, woman & child that embraces My redemption is a book that I am writing which will be read forever. My church is the book that I am writing, and the whole world is about to read it.

I am about to release My last-day apostles. Just as the chief joy of John (the Baptist)'s life was to hear the voice of the Bridegroom, these will have one devotion - to see My Bride made ready for Me. I will use them to build highways in the wilderness and rivers through the deserts. They will bring down the high places & raise up the lowly.

I am about to release My last-day prophets. They will love Me and walk with Me as Enoch did. They will demonstrate My power & prove to the world that I am the One true God. Each will be a pure well from which only living waters flow. I will give them lightning in one hand and thunder in the other. They will soar like eagles over the earth, but they will descend upon My people like doves because they will honor My Family. They will come upon cities like whirlwinds and earthquakes, but they will give light to the meek and lowly.

I am about to release My last-day evangelists. I will give them a cup of joy that will never run out. They will heal the sick and cast out devils; they will love Me and love righteousness; they will carry their crosses every day, not living for themselves but for Me. Through them, the world will know that I live and that I have been given all authority and power. These are the fearless who will attack the gates of the enemy & raid the dark places of the earth, leading many to salvation.

I am about to release shepherds who will have My heart for the sheep. These will feed My sheep because they love Me. They will care for each of My little ones as if they were their own, and they will lay down their lives for My sheep. I have given these choice food to serve My household. These are the faithful ones that I will trust to watch over My own house.

I am about to release My last-day teachers upon the earth. They will know Me and teach My people to know Me. They will love the truth. They will not retreat before the darkness, but they will expose it and drive it back. They will unstop the wells that your fathers dug, and serve the pure waters of life. They will also carry out the treasures of Egypt & use it to build My dwelling place."

The Young Apostle

The Value Of Vision

"When we get to the place of ultimate vision, we will not judge people by the color of their skin, gender or age. We will not judge others by appearances, but after the spirit.

We are created different for a reason. True peace will only come when we respect the distinctions we have. When we really know who we are, we will never be threatened by those who are different. When we are free, we are free to show those who are different from us honor & respect, always seeking to learn from one another.

Every time we open our hearts to learn from those who are different, our vision will increase.

Every day you must do that which will help you increase your vision. Stay away from the people & things that make you lose your vision.

Discouragement is usually the beginning of the loss of vision. To accomplish our purposes, we must resist discouragement in any form. Discouragement blinds.

To know our purpose is one of the greatest ways our vision grows. It is also one of our greatest defenses against things like discouragement which destroys vision."

Buried Treasure

"Stephen, what do you see when you look at this great mass of people?" I asked.

"I see confusion, despair, bitterness, hatred. I see darkness," he replied.

"That is certainly true, but look again with the eyes of your heart. Use your vision," I responded.

He looked for a long time & then said with some hesitation, "I now see a great field with buried treasure in it. The treasure is everywhere and in almost every form."

"That is right," I responded. "You are a treasure hunter. Some of the greatest souls who ever lived are trapped here, and you will help find them and set them free. You will not be able to set them free until you are free.

You will always know your purpose in a situation by seeing with the eyes of your heart. What you see from your innermost being will always reveal your purpose.

But you must be free before you can become who you were created to be.

There is one important principle that I have found to be true in every place... You can always go as far as you can see. You must keep going for as far as you can see. Never stop as long as you can still see farther.

If you do not use your vision by *walking* in what you see, you will lose it."

The Light

"You have vision, but you lack faith. Vision and faith must work together.

Faith comes from knowing...Jesus. There are many who know His name, but do not know *Him*.

Knowing who He really is...is where true faith comes from.

There are others who really love Jesus & start to sincerely get to know Him, but they also remain prisoners. These are the ones who let the wounds or mistakes suffered on the journey turn them back. These have tasted freedom, but they returned to prison because of disappointments or failures. You can easily recognize them because they are always talking about the past instead of the future. If they were still walking by their vision, they would not always be looking backward.

If you are to fulfill your destiny, you cannot be overly discouraged or encouraged by others... We are not called to place our faith in people, but in Him. Even the greatest souls disappoint us at times because they are still human.

Many like those... can also become great souls. Vision and faith can be restored, even in those who have become the most discouraged and disappointed. As a treasure hunter, this is your job. We cannot discard any human being - they are all treasures to Him. However, to really know Him and walk in true faith, you must not judge Him by His people.

He created all and He is the Lord of all. When you start seeing Him as the God of any one group, you have greatly reduced who He is, and you have greatly reduced your own vision."

Faith And Obedience

"He is your Teacher. He will speak to you through many different people, sometimes even through those who do not know Him. Be quick to hear and obey what He says. You do not have true faith if you do not obey, and if you have true faith you will always obey.

(To) serve Him means that you will no longer live for yourself, but for Him. You must renounce the evil that you have done in the past, as well as that which comes to tempt you in the future. You cannot live as others do. You are called to be a soldier of the cross.

You were born again and began a new life... Now He lives in you. He will never leave you again. But He is not your servant, you are His.

You can see Him with the eyes of your heart at any time. This is also your call - to see Him more clearly and to follow Him more closely.

On your journey, there will be many doors that you must go through. You never know where they will lead.

Some doors may take you into the wilderness which all must travel through. Some lead to glorious heavenly experiences... but they are not always the ones we need to help us fulfill our destiny. Do not choose doors by their appearance, but always ask Wisdom to help you."

Freedom

"To conquer your fears, you must face them alone."

Those who have known the greatest bondage will love liberty the most.

"I have often chosen the easiest, quickest way, and I was always sorry when I did. It is wisdom to always choose the highest mountain to climb. The greatest treasure is always at the end of the longest, most difficult journey.

Faith & patience go together. Impatience is really a lack of faith. Impatience will never lead you to the highest purposes of God. Good can be the greatest enemy of best. Now is the time to establish a pattern in your life of always choosing the highest & best. This is the way to remain close to Wisdom."

A Warning

"Our enemy can be difficult to recognize because he tries to appear as Wisdom, and he is very good at it. I have learned that I can still be fooled by him the moment I start to think that I can't. Our defense is to learn to recognize & then resist him.

Any wisdom that does not lead you to Jesus is false wisdom. Jesus will always set you free. False 'Wisdom' will always lead you to bondage. However, true freedom often looks like bondage at first, & bondage usually looks like freedom at first.

It is not going to be easy, and it is not supposed to be. Taking the easy way may be the surest way to be misled. You have been called as a soldier, and you are going to have to fight. The whole world is in the power of the false 'Wisdom,' and you will have to overcome the world to fulfill your destiny.

There can be no victory without a battle, and the greater the battle, the greater the victory. The Lord always leads us to victory. If you stay close to Him, you will never fail. After every battle, every test, you are much closer to Him and know Him much better.

The Darkness comes when (the false 'Wisdom') deceives us into self-seeking. When he deceived the first man & woman into eating from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil, the first thing they did was to look at themselves. Once false 'Wisdom' can make us self-centered, our fall into bondage is sure. The deceiver always tries to get you to seek yourself.

But don't be overly concerned about being deceived. That is actually one of his biggest traps. He sidetracks many by having them fear more his power to deceive than to have faith in the power of the Holy Spirit to lead them into all truth. Those who have fallen into this trap not only fall into increasing bondage of fear, but they will attack anyone who walks in the freedom that comes with faith.

They quit while on their journey, stopping short of their destiny. It takes faith to keep going, and they choose to follow fear rather than faith. They actually see the walls of fear around their prisons as strongholds of truth. They are sincere, but they are deceived by one of the most powerful deceptions of all, the *fear of deception*.

They destroy the faith of so many and do far more damage to the sojourners than all of the cults and sects combined. There will be a time when all such stumbling blocks will be removed, but for now they, too, are serving a purpose by making the way harder.

This life is a temporary journey used to prepare those who will reign with Him over the age to come as sons and daughters of the Most High forever. Every trial is for the purpose of changing us into His image. One of the first things we must learn on this journey is not to waste a single trial, but to seize them as the opportunities they are. If your path is more difficult, it is because of Your high calling."

The Necessity Of Discipline

(Jesus:) "Many are called, but few are chosen. Many will come to the wedding feast, but few will be the bride.

Run the race that is set before you, and the prize will be greater than you can understand at this time. You know the discipline that it takes to prepare for the race. Now discipline yourself for righteousness. I have called all to run, but few run as so to win. Discipline yourself to win."

"Most who are potentially the best in every field never even become high achievers for the lack of discipline.

Discipline has been a weakness of yours, but in Christ all things become new. In Him, the things that have been your greatest weaknesses can become your greatest strengths. You are now His disciple.

That means that you are a 'disciplined one.'

The path leading up to the mountain... (is) name(d) Discipline. Stay on it if you want to reach the top."

The Army

War was in the air, but...not a single one feared the battle to which they were marching. The spiritual atmosphere was awesome. From the highest ranking officer to the lowest, they all seemed to be close friends. It was an army of what seemed to be unprecedented discipline, yet it also seemed to be just one big family.

They seemed selfless -- not because they lacked identity, but because they were all so sure of who they were & what they were doing. They were not consumed with themselves or seeking recognition. I could not detect ambition or pride anywhere in the ranks. It was stunning to see so many who were so unique, yet in such harmony & marching in perfect step.

Then I was looking at a much larger group. The armor and weapons that they did have were not nearly as polished and bright as those of the first group. They did not have nearly the focus of the first group. These seemed much more aware of their own rank and the rank of those around them. I felt that this was a distraction hindering their focus. I could also sense ambition and jealousy in the ranks, which was a further distraction.

Behind this second army, there was a third one which marched far behind the first two armies. This group was seemingly composed of millions and millions. This army would move in different directions like a flock of birds, first one way and then the next, never moving in a straight direction for very long.

These soldiers had on tattered uniforms. Almost everyone was bloody or wounded. Fights were constantly breaking out in the ranks causing many of the wounds. Only a few had a piece of armor on, and I did not see any weapons except dummy weapons carried by the generals. The generals flaunted these dummy weapons as if having them made the officers special, but even those in the ranks could tell that the weapons were not real. This was sad because those in the ranks desperately wanted to find someone who was real whom they could follow.

There did not seem to be any ambition except among the generals... not because of selflessness as in the first army, but because there was so little caring. The generals here seemed to be more intent on talking about themselves and fighting with one another.

Even with their great numbers, they did not actually add strength to the army, but rather weakened it. In a real battle, they would be much more of a liability than an asset. They obviously were not true soldiers.

The Wisdom of Zipporah

The plain was dry and dusty before the army, but after the first divisions passed, the earth was green, trees giving shade and bearing fruit & pure streams flowing through the land.

As the second divisions passed...they left bridges and buildings, but the ground was not left in as good shape as before they had passed. The grass was not as green, the streams were somewhat muddied, and much of the fruit had been taken.

Then...as the third group passed, the grass was either gone or trampled into the earth, the trees were stripped, the streams were polluted. The bridges were broken down and impassable... buildings left in shambles. This group had undone all the good the first two had done.

(Jesus:) "Selfishness destroys. I came to give life abundantly. There will be many who call on My name...but they do not know Me or walk in My ways. These destroy the fruits of those who follow Me. Because of this, the world does not know whether to consider My people a blessing or a curse."

I was feeling what He was feeling. The pain was a combination of compassion for the earth and anger at the selfishness in His army. I felt that He might destroy the entire army. Then I remembered how the Lord had met Moses on his way to Egypt. The Lord sought to put him to death until his wife, Zipporah, circumcised their son. (Ex.4:25) Because circumcision speaks of the removal of the fleshly, or carnal nature... a deep determination came over me to go to the leaders of this great army and tell them the story of Zipporah & that everyone in the Lord's army had to be circumcised in their hearts. Their carnal nature had to be cut away.

(Jesus:) " Almost My entire army is in the condition of the third group. The first army, too, (was) unprepared for the battle, and when the battle began, those who were not prepared fled. However, many returned with their armor on and their delusions replaced with truth. The first two groups were also changed by battles that woke them up to their true condition. Then they cried out to Me and I sent them shepherds after My own heart.

.My shepherds are not hirelings who seek their own place or position, but they will lay down their lives for My people. They are also fearless in warfare against their enemies and pure in their worship of Me. I am about to send these shepherds forth. The time will come when I will not abide those... who do not circumcise their hearts. You must warn them of My wrath.

I will also send you to walk with the prophets I am sending forth as Samuels to pour oil upon My true shepherds. Many of these are now considered the least of their brethren, but you will find them serving as faithful shepherds of their little flocks, faithful laborers in whatever I have given them to do. These are My faithful ones who are called to be kings. These I will trust with My authority. They will prepare My people for the great battle at the end."

The Captain Of The Host

"I am sending you to those who are called to prepare My army and lead it. These are the ones who have met the army of the accuser and remained faithful. They are called to be leaders in My army who will fight in the great battle at the end and will stand without fear against all the powers of darkness.

This army is marching, but there will be times when it camps. The camping is...the time for planning, training and sharpening skills and weapons. It is also time for those in the first group to walk among the second and for the leaders of the second to walk among the third group, finding those who can be called to the next level.

Before the last great battle, My army will be holy, even as I am holy. I will remove those who are not circumcised at heart and the leaders who do not uphold My righteousness.

When I call My army to camp, there is a purpose. The strength of the army that marches will be determined by the quality of its camp. When it is time to camp, it is to teach My people My ways. If you follow Me, you will always be doing the right thing at the right time, even though it may not seem right to you. Remember, I am the Captain of the Host.

This army will march with the most noble mission that has ever been given to man. However, few of My people are equipped for their mission. I will now raise leaders who will train and equip My people. These will always follow Me because I am the Captain of the Host.

Do not be discouraged by the way My people now appear, but remember what they will become. I will now raise up leaders who will only march when I give the orders. When My army follows Me, it will win every battle.

When they camp, they will know My presence, and they will grow strong in My ways.

I will be in the midst of them to tread My enemies under this army's feet. I am coming to be the Captain of the Host!"

The City

The Bond Of Peace

"My coming leaders have had visions of both My army and My city. I am building both, and I will use the leaders I am now preparing to complete what I began generations ago.

One day, the army will no longer be needed, but this city will last forever. You must prepare the army for its present battles, but build all that you build for the future.

There is a future for the earth. After My judgements have come, it will be a glorious future. I am about to show My people the future so that the future will be in their hearts. 'Everything God does will remain forever.' As My people become like Me, they will build that which will last. They will do

all that they do with a peace for the present time and a vision for the future. The city that I am building to last forever is built in the hearts of men. My truth will endure, and those who walk in truth will leave fruit that will remain.

Men have worshiped their own wisdom since they first ate of the Tree of Knowledge. The world's wisdom is about to pale before My wisdom which I will reveal through My city.

The perfect bond of peace is love. In My city there will be unity. In all that I created, there was harmony. All things fit together in Me. Everything that I am doing in the earth is to restore the original harmony between My Father and His creation and among all creatures. When mankind lives in harmony with Me, the earth will be in harmony with Him.

I love My creation. I will restore all things as they were intended to be, but I must first restore mankind. I did not come just to redeem, but to restore. To be a part of My ministry of restoration you must not just see others as they are, but as they are to become. Like Ezekiel, you must see even in the driest bones an exceedingly great army. You must prophesy life to the bones until they become the army that I have called them to be. Then My army will march. When My army marches, it will restore-- not destroy. It will fight evil, but it will also build the city of righteousness.

All of the treasures of the earth cannot weigh in the balance with the value of a single soul. I am building My city in the hearts of men, with the hearts of men. Those who keep the great wisdom-- the knowledge of the eternal treasures--will be used to build My city. You will know My builders by this wisdom--they do not set their minds on earthly things, but on the treasures of heaven.

I am about to release My wise master builders. You must walk with them, and they must all walk together. Each of the streets in the city will begin as a fortress of truth in the earth. Each fortress will stand against the powers of darkness, and those powers will not be able to stand against them. Each will be like a mountain, with rivers flowing from it to water the earth. Each will be a city of refuge and a haven for all who seek Me. No weapon that is formed against them will prosper, and no weapon that I give to them will fail."

The Lord's Builders

"In My Father's house are many dwelling places. Each of My houses will be a fortress from which I will send out My armies. Some will go forth as knights to fight for the poor and oppressed, while others will go forth as small companies who will raid the strongholds of the enemy and bring back the spoils. Some will send forth a host to conquer cities over which My truth and righteousness will reign, and others will join with armies from other fortresses to liberate whole nations with My truth, My love and My power.

These fortresses are not just for the protection of My people, but for mobilizing, training and sending forth My army throughout the earth. The darkest of times will soon come, but My people will not be found hiding. They will go forth to conquer evil with good. They will conquer by not loving their lives even unto death and by loving others more than their own lives. These will be the fearless ones whom I will send before I return.

Even the prophecies of their coming strike terror into the hearts of My enemies. They will have no fear. They will love. Love is more powerful than fear, and their love will break the power of fear that has held mankind in bondage since the beginning. Because they have chosen to die daily, the fear of death has no power over them.

Those who know Me cannot fear death. Those who know Me follow Me wherever I go.

Each of My dwelling places...is alive with the life that was in the earth before the fall because here the power of My redemption has brought forth true life again. My dwelling places will only be found where all of My streams flow together into one. My builders will come from every stream, but they will work as one. Just as great houses need different craftsmen, so does My house. Only when they work together can they build My house.

When you build with My wisdom, what you build will fit perfectly with the land.

You must live between the dying and the living. Do not fear, but believe. You have been weak, but now I am with you, so be courageous and strong. Fear must not rule over you--do nothing because of fear. Do what you do because of love, and you will always triumph. Love is the source of courage. Love will prevail in the end. Encourage My builders with these words."

Words Of Life

"I accomplished the unity of My people on the cross. Even though it looks like the Enemy has prevailed since the cross, he actually only has worked into the plan which My Father & I had from the beginning. When you preach the cross and live by its power, you will do My will. Those who serve Me and not their own ambitions will soon recognize one another and be joined together. Those who have the true fear of God do not have to fear anything on the earth. Those who fear Me will not fear one another, but will love each other and sit together at My table.

The devil will be cast down to the earth and will come to the earth with great wrath. But do not fear his wrath, for I am also about to show My wrath against all iniquity. As you behold Me you will not fear. If you fear, it is because you are not beholding Me.

When the evil in mankind has become fully united with the evil one, the great time of trouble will come upon the earth. Then all of mankind and the whole creation will understand the futility and tragedy of rebellion. At the same time, My people will become fully united with Me, and My great light will stand against the great darkness. Those who walk in obedience will shine forth as the stars of heaven.

Humility and obedience will always lead to Me. As you come to Me, you will behold and manifest My glory. The heavens and the earth are about to behold the difference between the light and the darkness. You are called to live between the darkness and the light, in order to call those who live in darkness to the light.

When evil has run its full course, then I will show Myself to the world. As the evil one is being revealed through fallen men, I will be revealed through restored men.

Those who choose to obey Me when the whole world is disobeying are worthy to be heirs with Me. These are the ones who do not live for themselves, but for Me. They will stand for truth against the greatest darkness. They will remain steadfast through the greatest trials. Encourage them to stand and not faint for the time of their salvation is near.

I am also sending you to warn these mighty ones. Satan saw the glory of My Father and beheld the myriads who serve Him, yet he still fell... because he started to trust in the glory and power the Father had shared with him instead of trusting the Father. Those who will be entrusted with the power and glory I share with them in these times must not put their trust in the power or glory, but in Me. True faith is never in yourself, your wisdom or the power that I have given to you. True faith is in Me. As you grow in the true faith that is in Me, you will grow in dependence on Me, and you will trust yourself less. Those who begin to trust in themselves will not be able to carry the weight of My power or glory; they can fall just as the evil one did. My strength is made perfect in weakness, but you must never forget that in yourself you are weak, and by yourself you are foolish.

Those who are worthy to reign with Me will prove this by living in the darkness and weakness of human flesh, yet they will serve and trust Me. Even the greatest angels will gladly bow before those who have been proven in this way. The angels marvel when suffering men & women who have beheld so little of the glory Here remain steadfast for Me and My truth in times of darkness.

On earth, the truth often looks weak and easily defeated. Those who see from Here know that My truth always prevails. The time when I stand up and bring My judgements to the earth has only been delayed so that My brethren could prove their love for Me by standing for truth at any cost. These will shine forth as the stars which were made in honor of them."

His Beloved Bride

"I am about to release the power of truth to cleanse My bride of all of her defilements. I am sending forth My messengers who will be flames of fire, burning with zeal for My holiness & the holiness of My people.

I am imparting to My messengers the fire to see My bride cleansed. Then My people will no longer be in distress.

Only when My truth comes from the heart does it have the power to change men. Living waters must come from the innermost being - the heart. I am making My messengers flames of fire who will speak the truth with the power to change men's hearts. The truth that I am sending will cleanse them from their sin."

As He was speaking, a great zeal rose up within me to do something. I believed that even the driest bones were going to become an exceeding great army! Nothing seemed impossible. His church would become a bride without spot or wrinkle, a fortress of truth for the whole world to behold. His people, even as weak and defeated as they now seemed, were about to become an army of truth before which no power of darkness could stand.

Words Of Life

"I called you to be a voice that I could speak through. As you abide in Me and My Words abide in you, you will bear fruit that will remain. By My Word, creation was brought forth, and by My Word the new creation will come forth in you and in My people. My Words give life. Let Me teach through you. As you dwell in My presence, your words will be My Words, and they will have power.

I will give My messengers the vision to see My purpose in all things. I will speak from the midst of My messengers, calling My people to their destiny and to rise up as the deliverers that I have called them to be.

Repentance will open the door for you to go forth into the purpose for which I have called you. You cannot fulfill your purpose apart from My people. I have called My people to be one, and now it will come to pass.

Now you must go from seeing the way and knowing the truth to being a vessel for My life. This you cannot do apart from My people. The Father has given you His love for Me, that His love might be in you, just as I asked. Now I will give you My love for My people. My messengers must see them and love them as I do. As you truly love My Word, the door to your destiny with My people will open for you.

For all of eternity, My story will be told. That is why it is called the eternal gospel. I am the Word and I am Truth, and words of truth will forever fill My creation. All of creation will delight in My Words of truth just as you are now. Even the angels love to listen to your testimonies. My redeemed ones will forever love to tell and listen to the stories of My redemption. But now you must tell them to those who dwell in darkness. The word of your testimony will liberate many. Those who love Me love My Word. They love to read it and they love to hear it. You have been given the truth that will set men free. Go forth with My Word. Go forth and you will see the power of My Word."

The Manna

I was surprised to see my old friend, the white eagle (see "Final Quest").

"You must learn to recognize Him in many forms. You must recognize His voice in your own heart and as He speaks through others. He will never be far from you and can always be found easily. He will always lead you to the truth. Only by the Holy Spirit can you see and know anything or anyone the way they really are. In the times that are before us, we will perish if we do not follow Him closely. The Holy Spirit must lead you.

I must tell you about the manna so that you can live. It is what all who have walked with God have lived on since the beginning. The Lord will give you fresh manna daily. He covers the earth each day with truth for His people. Every way that you turn, you will see it. Even in the midst of the darkness & gloom, His Word will surround you, & you can gather it. His manna is as gentle & light as the dew... you must be gentle & light of heart to see it."

Living Epistles

"The Lord speaks every day to each one of His people. They cannot live by bread alone, but must have the words that proceed from His mouth..., the words that He speaks to them each day," the eagle continued.

"Many are weak because they do not know how to gather the manna that the Lord gives to them each day. They go astray because they do not know His voice. You must learn to recognize it, & help His people to recognize this manna. When they taste it, they will diligently search for it each day. Learn to see and partake of the manna that He gives daily. This will preserve you when all else fails.

His manna is found in His living epistles, His people. You must open your heart to the way that He is found in His people if you are to partake of the heavenly manna. Just as He said to Jerusalem, He is saying to us, "You shall not see Me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'" This spoke of Him when He walked the earth then, and it speaks of the way He is walking the earth now through His people. As our love for manna grows, so will our love for each other. If you are growing in love, the manna which He serves will never taste old or stale to you, but will be new each morning.

His manna may come to you through the words of a close friend or one of His people who lived long before as you ponder their writings. He will also speak through those who do not know Him, but you will know that He sent them to you. You will discern His manna when you go beyond just trying to hear His words & seek to hear the Word, Himself. It is not just hearing His words, but hearing His voice that will lead you in the way in which you are to go. Many repeat the words that He has spoken, but His manna is the word that He is speaking now.

We need the strong meat of the Scriptures to build ourselves up & give us the container for gathering His manna. Grow strong on the meat of His written Word, but also develop a taste for His manna. The written Word will prepare us for what is to come, but manna will sustain us through what lies ahead. His people are also His manna to the world. Manna is the bread of life - the living words which He speaks to His people daily and are spoken through His people. The Scriptures are the anchor for our souls. However, the Book of Life is still being written. He writes a new chapter in the Book of Life with each soul that comes to Him."

Victory or Defeat

"The Scriptures are the blueprint for His dwelling place that He is building among men. His people are the vessels of His living Word & are witnesses to the world that His words are still alive & give life. The Scriptures are His eternal plans that we must know to walk in His ways. His manna will give you the strength to walk each day.

Many of His messengers often do not know when He is speaking through them. Those to whom He is speaking seldom recognize His voice. Therefore they seldom follow Him in the way that He wants to lead them. Just as the sure communication between a general & his soldiers can determine the outcome of the battle, the strength of His communication with His people will determine their victory or defeat in the days to come.

He is now preparing many messengers who will go forth with His messages. They will teach His people to know His voice & His ways. You must receive His messengers as if you are receiving the Lord, Himself. You must help them along their way. The success of their ministry will determine the rise & fall of many.

He could do all things without us, but He has chosen to do them through us. We are His provision for one another. He intends for His people to receive help through one another. That is why He gives us manna through one another. We must love Him above all things, but we must also love one another. We need Him above all, but we also need each other. In this way we are kept humble so that He might trust us with His grace & power.

The times you have forgotten this have been more costly than you know, but to forget this in the future will be more costly than you can bear.

The Enemy will also be sending his messengers to sow confusion. This, too, is part of our training. Those who love Him and His truth will know the truth. Those who have been deceived for a time will learn from this, & they will be used to expose the deceivers in the days to come.

Wisdom is to know His voice & to follow Him. These will not be easily distracted from Him again. Do not judge others because of their past. No one is stronger or more trustworthy than those who know His voice & follow Him.

We must not stop encouraging His people to know His voice. We are being sent to help build His lines of communication with those who will be His soldiers in the great battle to come. All of His people must know His voice. The time will soon be upon us when all who do not know His voice will be deceived by the darkness. Those who know His voice because they know Him will not be deceived. The Throne of Judgement is also the Throne of Grace. You can boldly go there at any time."

The Call

(Jesus:) "You have changed. Your eyes are opened to see more than you could before. The more clearly that you are able to see Me, the more you will be able to see Me in others.

All who have served Me from the beginning are one body and they will be with you in what is to come..

You are all one in Me, and you will grow in love as you grow in Me. When My people who now walk the earth embrace My true judgement, they will walk in a freedom that will enable Me to touch the world with My love.

I desire for all to judge themselves so that I will not have to judge them. That is why My judgements are coming in ever increasing waves, so that the world may believe & repent. Each trumpet sound will be louder than the previous one.

You must learn not to see (those with whom you must walk on earth) according to their present appearance, but see who they are to become.

Only those who live by My judgements & abide with Me as their wisdom can see My authority in others. Do not strive to have men see My authority in you. Do not be concerned by whether others see you as you are; only be concerned about recognizing others as they are & seeing Me in them. When you become concerned about how others see you, you lose your authority. When authority becomes your goal, you will begin to lose true authority.

In My kingdom, authority comes from who you are, not your title. Here rank is earned by humility, service and love. The deacon who loves is higher than the apostle who loves less. On earth, prophets may be used to shake the nations, but here they will be known by their love. This is also your call -- to love with My love & serve with My heart. Then we will be one."

Worship in Spirit

"When My Father moves His little finger, the whole universe trembles. To shake the nations with your words does not impress anyone who dwells here. But when even the least of My brethren on earth shows love, it brings joy to My Father's heart. When even the most humble church sings to My Father with true love in their hearts, He silences all of heaven to listen to them. One cannot help but to worship when they are beholding His glory Here, but when those who are living in darkness & difficulty sing with true hearts to Him, it touches Him more than all the myriads of heaven can.

Your worship when you are in the midst of difficulties touches Him more than all the worship in heaven. When you worship without seeing His glory in the midst of your trials, that is worship in Spirit and in truth. Do not waste your trials. Worship the Father, not for what you will receive, but to bring Him joy. You will never be stronger than when you bring Him joy, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

The Sin

"Remember the potential for even the least of My little ones to touch the heart of the Father. That alone makes their value greater than any price. I would have gone to the cross again for a single one of these. I also feel your pain. I know your trials because we share them. I feel the pain and the joy of every soul. That is why I still intercede continually for all of you. There will be a time when all tears will be wiped away from every eye. There will be a time when only joy is known again. Until then, pain can be used. Don't waste your trials. The greatest expression of your faith will come in the midst of your trials.

You must see Me in your own heart, and you must see Me in others. You must see Me in the great and in the small. I will come to you in different people... in different circumstances. Your highest purpose is to recognize Me, to hear My voice, and to follow Me."

(Paul:) "You must not try to judge by the fruit you see on earth, but do what you must do because it is right.

More than bearing fruit, your call must be to know the Lord. Many want His presence, but they do not draw near. You must do more than want Him: You must seek Him. Your victory will be measured by your seeking. You will always be as close to Him as you want to be. Your victory in life will be according to your desire for Him.

You must never measure yourself by others, but keep pressing forward, seeking more of Him. And yet, with all of the glory that will be revealed unto you, never take off that cloak (of humility)!"

Sowing and Reaping

(Jesus:) "Every time you take off humility you will be blinded by the true light, and it will take time for you to be able to see again. Whenever you take off that cloak, you become spiritually blind and deaf."

Brokenness

"You live by My grace. It is because of My grace that there are consequences for sin. You must reap what you sow or I could not trust you with My authority. There can be no true authority without responsibility. Responsibility does mean that others will suffer if you go astray. Mistakes have consequences.

The more authority you are given, the more you can either help or hurt others by your actions. Those who are called to rule with Me are given the greatest responsibility of all. You are called to be a joint heir with Me. Your whole life, both the trials and the revelations, are all for the purpose of teaching you the responsibility of authority.

For every lesson that you must learn, there is an easy way or a more difficult way. You can humble yourself, fall on the rock and be broken, or the rock will fall on you and crush you into powder. Either way, the final result will be brokenness, which is humility. Pride caused the first fall from grace, and it has caused most of the falls since. Pride always results in tragedy, darkness and suffering. It is for your sake and for those whom you are called to serve by having authority over that I will not compromise the discipline you must learn by reaping what you sow.

The humble cannot be embarrassed. When you start to feel embarrassed, it is because you are beginning to move in pride. Let the embarrassment be a warning that you have departed from wisdom. Never let embarrassment control your actions. Learn to embrace every opportunity to be humbled, knowing that I will then be able to trust you with more authority.

Do not boast in your strengths, but in your weaknesses. If you will openly talk more about your failures in order to help others, I will be able to more openly display your victories, 'For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, and he who humbles himself shall be exalted.'

You cannot see My house as it is until you see Me in My people. This is what you must lead My people to. This is what you must fight for, and this is what you must help to build - My house."